

public lands to be closed are those on the playa of the Black Rock Desert.

The following public lands administered by the BLM restricted or closed are the lands of the playa of the Black Rock Desert within the following townships: T. 33., R. 24 E.; T. 33½ N., R. 24 E.; T. 34 N., R. 24 E.; T. 33 N., R. 25 E.; T. 34 N., R. 25 E.; T. 35 N., R. 25 E.; T. 35½ N., T. 25 E.; T. 34 N., R. 26 E.; T. 35 N., R. 26 E.; T. 35½ N., R. 26 E.

The lands involved are located in the Mount Diablo Meridian and are located northeast and east of Gerlach, Nevada. They are within Pershing County. All graded roads on the edge of the desert but not on the actual playa are not affected by this closure order. A map showing the route of the course is available from the following BLM office: Winnemucca District Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445, (702) 623-1500.

Any person who fails to comply with this closure order issued under 43 CFR Part 8364 may be subject to the penalties provided for in 43 CFR 8360.7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Lynn Clemons, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445 (702) 623-1500.

Dated: August 15, 1996.

Ron Wenker

District Manager, Winnemucca

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Idaho: Filing of Protraction Diagrams in Idaho

The protraction diagrams of the following described unsurveyed townships, all in Boise Meridian, Idaho, were officially filed in the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, effective 9:00 a.m. August 14, 1996.

T. 19 N., R. 3 W.; T. 23 N., R. 2 W.; T. 24 N., R. 2 W.; T. 25 N., R. 4 E.; T. 26 N., R. 4 E.; T. 25 N., R. 5 E.; T. 26 N., R. 5 E.; T. 25 N., R. 6 E.; T. 26 N., R. 6 E.; T. 27 N., R. 4 E.; T. 28 N., R. 4 E.; T. 27 N., R. 5 E.; T. 28 N., R. 5 E.; T. 27 N., R. 6 E.; T. 28 N., R. 6 E.; T. 29 N., R. 5 E.; T. 30 N., R. 5 E.; T. 29 N., R. 6 E.; T. 30 N., R. 6 E.; T. 29 N., R. 7 E.; T. 30 N., R. 7 E.; T. 23 N., R. 7 E.; T. 24 N., R. 7 E.; T. 23 N., R. 8 E.; T. 24 N., R. 8 E.; T. 23 N., R. 9 E.; T. 24 N., R. 9 E.

The preparation of these diagrams was requested by the USDA Forest Service, Geomtronics Service Center, to support its mapping program.

All inquiries concerning the survey of the above described land must be sent to the Chief, Cadastral Survey, Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho, 83706-2500.

Dated: August 14, 1996.

Duane E. Olsen,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho.

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National Park Service

Cape Cod National Seashore, Massachusetts; Environmental Assessment: Interim Pheasant Management Program

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Public Comment Period for the Environmental Assessment, Interim Pheasant Management.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA 42 USC 4321 *et. seq.*), the National Park Service, Cape Cod National Seashore, announces that an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Interim Pheasant Management Program is available for public review and comment.

The public comment period is from August 29, 1996 to September 29, 1996. Interested persons may review the document and make written comments to the Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, Headquarters Building, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02667. Written comments and visits or phone inquiries by interested parties will be accepted.

The EA analyzes the impacts of two alternatives for an interim proposal for the research and management of the Ring-Necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) hunting and stocking program at Cape Cod National Seashore. The two alternatives include a no action option which continues current management, and a two year research and evaluation alternative to assess impacts to native resources and provide an objective evaluation of the stocking and hunting program.

Numerous groups interested in the issue of pheasant management have increasingly questioned or requested review or changes as to how the State of Massachusetts and the National Park Service manage the pheasant hunting program. Many hunting interests have

also asked that the program be preserved and allowed to continue within the seashore. Currently, little or no data exist on pheasant survival, population, movement patterns, harvest numbers, and impacts the release may have on the native Seashore ecosystems. Based on this lack of data, the long history of pheasant stocking in the Seashore, and policy questions that require data on which to base informed management decisions, the EA analyzes impacts and provides for public review of the two alternatives to initiate an appropriate research and management program.

Copies of the document are available at the address listed above or by calling Mike Reynolds at (508) 349-3785 x216 at the Seashore Headquarters for copies, questions, or other inquiries.

Dated: August 20, 1996.

Maria Burks,

Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore.

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Carlsbad Caverns National Park; Final General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Eddy County, New Mexico.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 the National Park Service announces the availability of the Final General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/ EIS) for Carlsbad Caverns National Park. The Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement was on public review from November 15, 1995 to March 25, 1996. A public open house was held on February 15, 1996, to solicit public comment on the GMP/EIS. Twenty-nine comment letters were received from agencies, organizations, and individuals. The National Park Service's responses to comments on the draft plan are included in the Final GMP/EIS.

The purpose of the general management plan is to set forth the basic management philosophy and to provide the strategies for addressing issues and achieving management objectives over the next 10 to 15 years. The Final GMP/EIS describes and evaluates three alternatives for the